



Indiana Principal Leadership Academy

Academy Spotlight



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October Session Review

October 6, 2008

“Teacher Evaluation and Supervision”

Jim Snapp, Assistant Superintendent at Franklin Township Community School Corporation, conducted a morning session on teacher evaluation and supervision.

IPLA Standards Covered

Teaching and Learning Standard 1

The school leader: Instigates and ensures best practice related to research-based instruction, curriculum alignment and assessments.

Teaching and Learning Standard 2

The school leader: Initiates and sustains professional development for staff that includes effective, research-based strategies and measurement activities to ensure the transfer of new knowledge and skills to classroom instruction to improve student learning.

Teaching and Learning Standard 4

The school leader: Hires, coaches, supervises, and evaluates teachers and staff that improves instruction and student learning.

“Instructional Audits”

Larry Rausch, Executive Director of the Wabash Valley Education Center, conducted an afternoon session on instructional audits and the collection of data that makes a difference.

IPLA Standards Covered

Teaching and Learning Standard 1

The school leader: Instigates and ensures best practice related to research-based instruction, curriculum alignment and assessments.

Culture Standard 1

The school leader: Initiates research-based strategies that affect culture such as: inquiry, reflection, action research, networking, study groups, coaching and evaluation.

October 7, 2008

“Response to Intervention (RTI)”

Tara Rinehart, Exceptional Learners Specialist at the Indiana Department of Education, spoke about RTI. Tara’s presentation focused on supporting students through evidence-based practices and systems change.

IPLA Standards Covered

Culture Standard 1

The school leader: Promotes a culture that honors and values diversity and supports the learning of all students.

“Data Driven Instruction”

Dave Stashevsky, Principal of Daleville Elementary School, led an afternoon session on data analysis approaches and methodologies that can lead to student learning.

IPLA Standards Covered

Teaching and Learning Standard 3

The school leader: Collects and analyzes data, to make data informed decisions that improve student learning.



October Assignment...Due at the February Session

Select one of the following for your assignment. Turn your completed assignment into your facilitator at the February session.

1. Dave Stashevsky demonstrated the data graphs he uses with his staff. Write a one page summary answering one or all the following questions. What are you doing with data in your school? What would you like to do with data in your school? What are some obstacles to data driven instruction in your school or school district?
2. Many of you use walkthroughs in your role as an instructional leader. Write a one page summary of what you will do differently with your process after listening to Larry Rausch speak and/or how you will begin to implement classroom walkthroughs.
3. After listening and discussing RTI issues with Tara Rinehart, write a one page summary of what your plans/goals are regarding intervention for the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Write a one page summary of an idea or concept that you heard during Jim Snapp's presentation on teacher evaluation and supervision that you would like to incorporate into your evaluation process.

February Session Preview

February 9, 2009

Communication Standard 3

The school leader: Designs, convenes, and facilitates effective meetings.

Presenter

Steve Barone of Transformation Systems, Ltd., will present *Leading Effective Meetings*.

February 10, 2009

Teaching and Learning Standard 1

The school leader: Instigates and ensures best practice related to research-based instruction, curriculum alignment, and assessments.

Presenter

Jody Britten, Assistant Professor in the College of Education at Butler University, will conduct a session on digital leadership.

Location Change for This Day Only

You will be on the campus of Butler University for this day-long presentation on leadership & technology, much of which will be done using a wireless Internet connection. If you have a laptop with wireless connection capability, you may bring it with you. Because there will be a very limited number of electrical outlets available, please make sure that the battery is fully charged.

Session Agenda

The February Session Agenda will be available on the IPLA website no later than February 1, 2009.

Hotel Reservations for February

Remember to contact the Sheraton Hotel 30 days prior to session to finalize all room arrangements. The hotel can be reached by phone at 1-888-627-7814 or online at <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/iplafeb09>.